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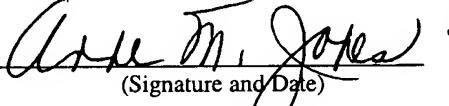
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction action dated 16 July 2002, please cancel claims 5-8, 12-13, 16-24, 27-32, and 36-37.

The Restriction action required restriction between Groups I-XX. In response, applicants elect Group I, encompassing claims 1-4, 9-11, 14-15, 25-28, 33-35, and 38, drawn to a method for treating a glycolipid storage-related disorder by administering an inhibitor of glycolipid synthesis and an agent capable of increasing the rate of glycolipid degradation wherein the inhibitor is an imidosugar and the agent is an enzyme involved in glycolipid degradation, classified in class 514, subclass 2+.

The Examiner further found claims 14 and 38 to be generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species, and required an election of species. Applicants herein elect Gaucher disease for purposes of initial examination, with the understanding that upon allowance of a generic claim, the applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species.

Conclusion

No fees are believed to be necessitated by the foregoing Response. However, should this be erroneous, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 11-1153 for any underpayment, or credit any overages.

In view of the above, withdrawal of the Requirement for the Restriction is requested, and an early action on the merits of the Claims is courteously solicited.

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